



Botanischer Garten zu Hamburg

den Mai 9 1850.

My dear friend!

The bearer of the present is Mr. J. F. Drège, who will not be unknown to you as an excellent collector and discoverer of many new plants on his voyages in South-Africa. — As Mr. Drège is intending to go to North-America to collect plants and seeds for Germany I have exclusively addressed him to the illustrious authors of the Flora of North-America (which Mr. Drège has already zealously studied) to learn by yourself the best way for his purpose. I have certainly hope from your often tried complaisance to assist Mr. Drège in every case with your counsel so important to him, and address him to the convenient persons, whom nobody will better know than you. —

I repeat my sincerest thanks as for the first volume of your excellent genera, as for the plants of Ledebur which you have destined me. Both have made me a great joy. I thereby note, that I did not find the jacket of dried plants, which you would send me at the same time for Dr. Vahl at Copenhagen. —

I now avail myself of this opportunity by sending you a collection of the Plants of St. Pierre, which I had kept back for you. You will find the names and descriptions thereof in my Enumeratio Plantar., quas collegit St. Pierre. I also join the Synopsis Vegetabilis, in which I am not inconsiderably concerned, and some of my Pugilli, requesting you to indicate me, what you should further desire to receive from me.

The batany in Europe has suffered great losses. Eudlicher  
has poisoned himself, Kauba has cut his throat and Koch,  
the best knower of the german flora, has died by bad <sup>medical</sup>  
treatment by his son-in-law, Schauer by a strong cold  
caught. Link, Nees of Zebeck and Trevisanus are very  
old and among the younger german botanists are  
I regret to say - but very few who intitle to greater hopes.

I repeat of my last letter, that I received from J. F. Booth  
the Potentilla trusted me for inspection by yourself and  
J. Torrey only on the 2<sup>d</sup> July 1849. I sent them back  
to London on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, and hope therefore, they will  
now again be in your possession.

Believe me, most faithfully and affectionately

Yours

Lelmann

To

Dr. Asa Gray

Professor of natural history in Harvard  
University etc. etc.

Boston,